

REMARKS

By present amendment, claim 10 was amended and new claims 11-31 were added. The amendments do not and are not intended to narrow the scope of the claims. The amendments were made solely to conform the claims to U.S. Practice, including eliminating multiple dependencies and using idiomatic English. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-31 will be pending in the application, with claims 1 and 9 being independent.

CONCLUSION

Applicants state that in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein, the application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the present application is found by the Examiner not to be in condition for allowance, then the Applicants hereby request a telephone or personal interview to facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters. Applicants' attorney may be contacted by telephone at the number indicated below to schedule such an interview.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred as a result of the filing hereof or credit any overpayment to our deposit account #19-0120.

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